

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1 (Currently Amended). An alignment device for being used with prosthetic components, said alignment device having an alignment device longitudinal axis and
5 comprising:

A. a first member comprising:

i. a first member first end connectable to a first prosthetic component; and

10 ii. a first member second end having a channel therethrough with a channel first end and a channel second end, and with a channel longitudinal axis; and

B. a second member comprising:

i. a second member first end connectable to a second prosthetic component; and

15 ii. a second member second end comprising a bar with a bar first end and a bar second end, and having a longitudinal axis between said bar first end and said bar second end, said bar for being received within and secured to said channel of said first member, ~~and for~~ said second member being selectably offset from said first member in one of a first ~~[[a]]~~ direction generally parallel to said channel longitudinal axis and a second direction generally opposite of said first direction, [[and]]

20 wherein said bar first end is outside of said channel when said bar second end is between said channel first end and said channel second end when said first member is offset in said first direction from said second member,

wherein said bar second end is outside of said channel when said bar first end is between said channel first end and said channel second end when said first member is offset in said second direction from said second member, and

wherein one of said first member first end and said second member first end is threadably connectable to one of the first prosthetic component and the second prosthetic component, respectively, to allow said alignment device to be rotatably connected to said one of the first prosthetic component and the second prosthetic component such that the orientation of said channel longitudinal axis is selectably adjustable to any orientation lying in a plane that is generally perpendicular to said alignment device longitudinal axis.

10 2 (Original). The alignment device of Claim 1 wherein said first member first end comprises a threaded external surface.

3 (Original). The alignment device of Claim 1 wherein said first member first end comprises an internally threaded clamp.

15 4 (Original). The alignment device of Claim 1 wherein said second member first end comprises a pyramid.

5 (Original). The alignment device of Claim 1 wherein said second member first end comprises a pyramidal receiver.

6 (Original). The alignment device of Claim 1 wherein said one of said first member first end and said second member first end that is threadably connectable to said one of the first prosthetic component and the second prosthetic component, respectively, can be further rotated a selected number of one half revolutions with respect to said one of the first prosthetic component and the second prosthetic component to maintain said selected orientation of said channel longitudinal axis and to selectably adjust the distance between

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the first prosthetic component connectable to said first member first end and the second prosthetic component connectable to said second member first end.

7 (Original). The alignment device of Claim 1 wherein:

A. said first member second end has a hole therethrough into said channel

5 and that is generally perpendicular to said channel longitudinal axis; and

B. said alignment device further comprises a screw for being received through said hole and for contacting said bar for securing said bar in place within said channel.

8 (Currently Amended). An alignment device for being used with prosthetic

10 components, said alignment device having an alignment device longitudinal axis and comprising:

A. a first member comprising:

i. a first member first end connectable to a first prosthetic component; and

15 ii. a first member second end having a channel therethrough, said channel defining an alignment axis and having two side walls with at least one hole through at least one of said two side walls and said channel having a channel first end and a channel second end; and

B. a second member comprising:

20 i. a second member first end connectable to a second prosthetic component; and

ii. a second member second end comprising a bar with a bar first end and a bar second end, said bar [[for]] being received within and secured to said channel of said first member,

wherein said first member is selectably offsetable from said second member by moving said bar within said channel along said alignment axis in one of a first direction and a second direction, [[and]]

wherein said bar first end is outside of said channel when said bar second end is between said channel first end and said channel second end when said first member is offset in said first direction from said second member,

10 wherein said bar second end is outside of said channel when said bar first end is between said channel first end and said channel second end when said first member is offset in said second direction from said second member, and

wherein at least one screw is insertable through said at least one hole through said at least one of said two side walls to engage said bar and frictionally hold said bar in a selected position with respect to said channel.

9 (Currently Amended). The alignment device of Claim 8 wherein:

A. said first member is rotatably connected to [[a]] the first prosthetic component; and

B. said alignment axis lies in a plane generally perpendicular to said alignment device longitudinal axis and is adjustable to any selected orientation in said plane by selectably rotating said first member with respect to the first prosthetic component that is connectable to said first member first end.

10 (Original). The alignment device of Claim 9 wherein said first member first end is externally threaded and the first prosthetic component is internally threaded.

11 (Original). The alignment device of Claim 8 wherein said at least one hole through at least one of said two side walls comprises at least one hole through both of said two side walls.

12 - 27 (Previously cancelled).

28 (Newly Added). The alignment device of Claim 1 wherein said bar first end and said bar second end are solid ends, respectively, and are incapable of receiving a screw to hold said second member in position relative to said first member.

10 29 (Newly Added). The alignment device of Claim 8 wherein said bar first end and said bar second end are solid ends, respectively, and are incapable of receiving a screw to hold said second member in position relative to said first member.